

## **LOS ALTOS DOWNTOWN VISION | LAHS Pop-Up Workshop Summary**

**Dates:** Associated Student Body Class Meeting from 1-2 p.m. on March 2, 2018 and the following week open to student body | Los Altos High School, Los Altos

### **Attendees:**

- **Associated Student Body Class and students over a one week period**
- **City of Los Altos**
  - *Jon Biggs, Community Development Director*
  - *Zach Dahl, Planning Manager*

### Summary Memo

On Thursday, March 2, 2018, members of City staff met with students at Los Altos High school to review the four (4) Downtown Vision Plan scenarios. The workshop followed the format of the previous workshop held on November 29, 2017 but no formal presentation of the project was given. City staff walked the students through the information, including the four (4) Downtown Vision scenarios and the matrix outlining the individual scenario elements. The information was shared with the Associated Student Body Class and the matrix were left for the class to fill out. An additional matrix was also left at the school for a week following the meeting for other students not part of the Associated Student Body Class to also provide input.

Per the input on the matrices on the following pages it's clear that the students are interested in seeing a higher degree of change in the downtown area, with support for elements primarily in scenarios three and four. The students prefer the following program elements:

#### Public Realm improvements

- Archways, roundabouts, and overcrossings; paseos throughout downtown; programming of most parking plazas and activity nodes.

#### Private Realm improvements

- Outdoor dining, underground parking, façade improvements; three story buildings along First street and in the San Antonio neighborhood (maintaining the existing heights in the core); and a Live Theater, Boutique Hotel and Affordable Housing.

More specific input provided by the students includes the following:

















































- Link Downtown to Civic Center – Overcrossing of San Antonio from Library to parking lot by hotel (one shown in scenario four) preferred location. Needs to be accessible and accommodate bikes, pedestrians, skateboarders, future modes of travel – whatever those might be.
- Roundabout at the San Antonio, Main, Edith intersection will be best way to deal with traffic.

- Entry treatments to the Downtown need to be in line with those of scenarios three and four – these will enhance the Downtown.
- Improvements in the Downtown need to be or account for bikes and pedestrians.
- Activity nodes like those shown in Scenarios 3 & 4 would bring activity Downtown – supportive of these.
- There needs to more “hang-out” spots Downtown – places to sit and be with friends.
- Paseos will be a great addition – but need to have shops that folks will want to visit.
- Downtown needs a dog park – responsibility of dog owners to maintain.
- Downtown needs more boutique hotels.
- Keep retail shops and restaurants open later.
- Downtown needs some diners – cheap places to eat and hang around friends – need to have wi-fi and places to charge phones.



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














































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